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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES VERNAL FIELD TRIP AND HEARING

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in the council chambers of the Vernal City Offices, 447 East Main, Vernal, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an informal briefing session and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m. Following the formal agenda, time permitting, there may be a legal briefing on forced pooling in the Conference Room in the Vernal City Offices. This meeting is also open to the public.

On Tuesday, June 27, the board will tour potential oil shale development at the White River Oil Shale Project, a portion of Questar Exploration Company's Red Wash Unit, a gilsonite abandoned mine reclamation project, and view operations at Simplot Phosphate. The public is invited to attend both the board hearing as well as the field trip. Interested persons planning to attend the field trip must supply their own transportation and lunch. For details contact the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining at (801) 538-5340.

"We view this as an opportunity for anyone who may not be familiar with the responsibilities of the Division and Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to meet with us and have their questions answered," said Board Chairman Jim Peacock. "It's an opportunity for people to ask questions or make comments to the board about procedure or policy."

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2006-010, Cause Nos. M/037/025 & 027 - In the Matter of UMETCO Mineral Corporation's Request to Terminate Reclamation Contracts and Sureties and to Release Reclamation Requirements for the Deremo-Peterson and Wilson-Silverbell Mines Located in Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 26 East, and Section 22, Township 32 South, Range 26 East, respectively, SLB&M, San Juan County, Utah.

Petitioner is seeking release of reclamation surety.